

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA**

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SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE OF SAI
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that sports infrastructure created at various Sports Authority of India (SAI) Centres in the recent past have become defective and useless;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of synthetic tracks and artificial hockey turfs laid in the country during the past five years and the present condition of these artificial surfaces;
- (d) the number of sports Infrastructure facilities started during the past five years but remained incomplete causing disruption in the schedule of training of talented sportspersons;
- (e) whether the responsibility for mismanagement in the creation of new sports infrastructure has been fixed;
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard so far; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a)&(b): The sports infrastructure of Sports Authority of India (SAI) is subject to normal wear and tear due to use. The synthetic surface at Bangalore, laid recently, needs replacement and corrective action is being taken.

(c)&(d): The Government of India has given financial assistance for laying 13 synthetic tracks and 33 artificial hockey turfs in the country during the last five years. Out of these 5 synthetic tracks and 9 artificial hockey turfs have since been laid. Sanction for laying one synthetic track has been cancelled.

(e)to(g): `Sports` is a State subject and, therefore, it is the responsibility of the State Governments to create sports infrastructure facilities in the country. However, under the `Infrastructure Scheme`, financial assistance is released after receiving the utilization certificate for earlier released grants. It is the duty of the State Governments to maintain these infrastructures. So far as, SAI infrastructure is concerned, there is a technical team headed by an officer of the rank of Superintending Engineer who supervises the construction of infrastructure.